



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

PARKINSON'S DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS: Parkinson's disease is a chronic, progressive disorder of the central nervous system that affects more than 1.5 million people in the United States; and

WHEREAS: Symptoms of Parkinson's disease vary from case to case but can include tremors, slowness of movement and rigidity, difficulty with balance and speaking, cognitive impairment and dementia, mood disorders, and sleep difficulties; and

WHEREAS: Many organizations throughout the United States provide support for those have Parkinson's Disease through research, patient and family services, education and sponsorship of local chapters, information and referral centers, and support groups; and

WHEREAS: Georgians across the state come together in observance of Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month to rededicate themselves to the cause of both finding a cure and caring for their fellow citizens with Parkinson's Disease; and

WHEREAS: The State of Georgia recognizes the efforts of all its citizens engaging in community outreach, promoting awareness, advancing knowledge, and consistently advocating to improve the quality of life for those living with Parkinson's Disease; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 2017 as PARKINSON'S DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 8th day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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